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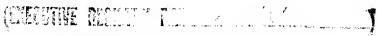2 October 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting of NSC 5412/2 Designated Representatives

1. A special meeting of the NSC 5412/2 Designated Representatives
was held in Mr. Herter's office October 1, 1958. Present were
Messrs. Herter, Gray, Sprague and Dulles.

2. Mr. Gray said he had asked to have a meeting convened
in order to discuss procedures for handling the submission of
projects or programs to the Designated Representatives for approval.
He repeated in brief summary what he had previously told me about
his feeling that he did not have enough advance knowledge of these
proposals on which he could base a considered judgment. Mr. Sprague
expressed essentially the same feeling.

3. Mr. Gray also made the point that he gathered Mr. Herter
had usually been briefed ahead of time, whereas the other two
representatives had not. Mr. Herter acknowledged that this was
a fact since a good deal of preliminary discussion at the working
levels of CIA and State was required before a program was in shape
to be presented for final approval, and he was usually briefed by
Mr. Reams.

4. The group agreed that I should arrange to brief the
representatives individually, in advance of a final meeting. Mr.
Gray volunteered to try to arrange a joint briefing of himself and
the Defense representative. Mr. Herter asked that I participate
in Mr. Reams' briefing of him. (I have since informed Mr. Dunn,
who will be acting for Mr. Reams for the next couple of months,
of this request.)

5. Mr. Sprague said he was not yet aware of whether Mr.
Quarles would delegate the NSC 5412/2 function to Mr. Irwin in
the same manner as it had been delegated to him. He assumed,

however, that this would be the case.

6. Mr. Dulles distributed to the representatives a brief summary of projects on which they had taken action since 30 July 1957. These summaries were then collected and returned to this office.

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